TOPIC: CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT UPDATE

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INFORMATION

I. <u>SUMMARY</u>

In accordance with C.R.S. 22-35-112, the Colorado Department of Higher Education (DHE) and the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) have prepared a Concurrent Enrollment report for the 2011-12 school year (attached). The data in this report provide a descriptive summary of concurrent enrollment in Colorado. Data in this report illustrate dramatic increases in the number of students participating in concurrent enrollment programs. This report summarizes data on the number of and names of local education providers and institutions of higher education that have entered into Concurrent Enrollment cooperative agreements; the number of public school students participating in concurrent enrollment; the demographic information about students that participated in concurrent enrollment; college matriculation into public institutions of higher education in Colorado of a cohort of previously dual enrolled students; and new this year is an outcomes analyses exploring the benefits of concurrent enrollment in regards to student success.

II. <u>BACKGROUND</u>

This report is prepared annually to highlight how the local education providers and institutions of higher education are performing in Concurrent Enrollment. This year's report has a new feature on student outcomes.

III. STAFF ANALYSIS

During the academic year 2011-2012, nearly 24,000 high school students participated in a dual enrollment program, representing nearly 19 percent of all 11th and 12th grade students in the state. This number increased by more than 3,000 students since 2010-2011, a 15.5 percent increase in one year. The greatest number and highest area of growth of students was in the Concurrent Enrollment program. The ASCENT program and "Other" concurrent high school programs also experienced considerable growth in the 2011-2012 academic year. Highlights of this report include the following:

- Approximately 24,000 students participate in dual enrollment programs. This is approximately 19 percent of all 11th and 12th graders in public high schools in Colorado.
- Overall, participation in dual enrollment programs increased by 15.5 percent between 2010-2011 and 2011-2012.

- Eighteen public colleges and 304 local education providers have 395 Concurrent Enrollment cooperative agreements.
- Slightly more females participate in concurrent enrollment program compared to males and an increasing number of minority students are participating in concurrent enrollment programs.
- Participation in basic skills concurrent enrollment courses is approximately five percent of the Concurrent Enrollment total.
- Students who participated in concurrent enrollment programs in high school had higher grade point averages, higher retention rates, and higher credit hour accumulation in college.

IV. <u>STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS</u>

No action is required. This is an information item.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

C.R.S. §22-35-107